(4) It will be managed on non-sectarian lines; vide also answer (2).

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know what is the measure of that self-sacrifice needed in the doctor. to look after the lepers ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I do not know of any measure of self-sacrifice.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—May I know whether there are no doctors here who are sympathetic enough or whether the Department cannot find a doctor sympathetic enough to look after lepers ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is not a question of any individual doctor. It is a question in which anybody who is out in the world to do self-sacrificing work is entrusted to do this work. There may be individuals who would be self-sacrificing.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—That was not my question. My question was whether the Department or the Government of Cochin could not find a self-sacrificing and sympathetic doctor, sufficiently self-sacrificing to look after the lepers, either from the service or from outside in Cochin.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Government have not been able to find out.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Has the Government advertised for finding out men ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—No. It is not a question of finding out men. It is a question of finding out men with sufficient self-sacrificing spirit.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is this answer based upon any experence ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—O, yes. Experience of mine and of the British Government and the whole world.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Is this self-sacrifice to be found in the individuals proposed ? Do you know anything about the individuals proposed to be in charge? Is the Government aware of the measure of self-sacrifice possessed by the individuals of this institution who would probably come there ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.— I do not know exactly the nature of the individuals who would come there. But I know they belong to a body whose principle is to do selfless social service.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Are there not bodies inside Cochin State who are doing such self-sacrificing work, such as the Roman Catholic institution, the Orphanage and others ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I am not aware of any body in Cochin State who is experienced in doing work of this kind.

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Mr. A. B. Salem.—Whether any advertisement was made to ascertain this ?

President.—He has already answered that question. He could not get any body from the Cochin State.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If there is any body like that, surely I would have known out of my experience of medical administration for the last seven years.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Sub-division (4). Do these lepers require more self-sacrifice than typhoid patients, pneumonia patients or any such dire diseased persons.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—O yes.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—What are the difficulties ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—If you put a specific question I shall answer.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—The answer to my question is, it will be managed on non-sectarian lines.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—That is not the only answer. Please read further.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I ask what are the difficulties. Evidently there are no difficulties.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—The difficulty is to find self-sacrificing men.

24. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether the Leper Asylum has already been handed over to the Salvation Army ;

(b) if so, under what terms;

(c) will a copy of the agreement, if any, be placed on the table?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—(a) No.

(b) and (c). The terms and agreement have not been finally fixed.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it finally decided to hand over the management to the Salvation Army ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. It has been announced in the last Council.

Members.—No, no.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Is it already settled?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—It is already settled.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—What is the delay due to ? Is it because the actual building is not complete, because the whole amount is not spent ?

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—Yes. Improvements have to be effected.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—How much money more has to be spent for that ?

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